

## House Resolution 1330

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 89<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Baker of the 78<sup>th</sup>, Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger and the Up & Out of  
2 Poverty Now! Coalition on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of Poor People's Day at the  
3 state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger and the Up & Out of Poverty Now!  
5 Coalition celebrate the 30th annual Poor People's Day at the state capitol on February 10th  
6 and 11th, 2010, in Atlanta, Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger and the Up & Out of Poverty Now!  
8 Coalition has convened in the City of Atlanta for Poor People's Day at the state capitol for  
9 30 consecutive years on behalf of low-income Georgia families; and

10 WHEREAS, this event has been instrumental in helping change welfare policy in the State  
11 of Georgia, including the passage of legislation that implemented the state-operated PEACH  
12 Program in 1986 and ended workfare; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger worked tirelessly with the Georgia  
14 General Assembly in 2001 to pass this state's first minimum wage increase in over 30 years,  
15 from \$3.25 an hour to \$5.15 an hour; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger's executive director served as co-chair  
17 of the Living Wage Coalition which encouraged the Mayor and Council Members to  
18 establish a Living Wage Standard for all City of Atlanta employees of \$10.50 per hour, plus  
19 healthcare benefits and Pay Equity Standards, in 2003; and

20 WHEREAS, it also won a cost of living increase for all City of Atlanta employees in 2005;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, it has assisted tens of thousands of underserved Atlanta families with access to  
23 Food Stamps, WIC, and Welfare programs; and

24 WHEREAS, it has collaborated with Georgia Coalition for the Peoples Agenda and Georgia  
25 Vote Connection Center to register over 100,000 new voters in 2008, tens of thousands of  
26 whom reside in the City of Atlanta; and

27 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger cultivates a 2 1/2 acre organic garden  
28 in Southeast Atlanta, serving 2,000 families annually through four Umoja Outdoor Farmers  
29 Markets in metro Atlanta and ensuring under-served Atlanta communities have access to  
30 fresh, affordable produce; and

31 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger operates a year-round, full-time hunger  
32 hotline in the City of Atlanta that assists 5,000 people a year with emergency assistance,  
33 food, utilities, and transportation; and

34 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger has served more than 350,000  
35 low-income Georgians in the organization's 35 year history, most of whom reside inside the  
36 City of Atlanta; and

37 WHEREAS, Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger and the Up & Out of Poverty NOW!  
38 Coalition's annual Poor People's Day at the state capitol activities has brought over 90,000  
39 low-income Georgians to the Georgia State Capitol to advocate on their own behalf.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
41 the members of this body commend the care, fortitude, and selfless dedication exhibited by  
42 Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger and the Up & Out of Poverty Now! Coalition for  
43 services over the past three decades and extend to them their utmost appreciation for having  
44 so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of community advocacy in the City of  
45 Atlanta.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
47 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Citizens'  
48 Coalition on Hunger and the Up & Out of Poverty Now! Coalition.